

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 11594STCIP (NORT10-00098)
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REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-9 have been allowed.

Claims 10-21 have been rejected.

Claims 10-21 have been canceled, without prejudice.

I. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102 and 103

Claims 10-21 were rejected based on various rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and 103.

The rejections are respectfully traversed. However, Applicant has canceled Claims 10-21, without prejudice. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner withdraw the § 102 and 103 rejections of Claims 10-21.

II. CONCLUSION

As a result of the foregoing, the Applicant asserts that the remaining Claims in the Application are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests an early allowance of such Claims.

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If any issues arise, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this Application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at rmccutcheon@davismunck.com.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication or credit any overpayment to Davis Munck Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

Respectfully submitted,

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